AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

A data service apparatus ~~is provided which~~ includes a storage ~~means (31)~~ <u>unit</u> that stores digital data as a file, an encryption circuit [[(35)]] that encrypts the digital data into an encrypted data, and a decryption circuit [[(37)]] that decrypts the encrypted data into the initial digital data. For backing up, a file stored in the storage ~~means (31)~~ <u>unit</u> is encrypted by the encryption circuit [[(35)]] into an encrypted test data file before <u>being</u> stored into an external storage unit [[(60)]]. For decryption, the encrypted data file is extracted from the external storage unit [[(60)]], decrypted by the decryption circuit [[(37)]] into the initial digital data file and written back into the storage ~~means (31)~~ <u>unit</u>. Thus, the data service apparatus can back up the stored file in the external storage unit safely and easily.